



## Parent Questionnaire Autumn 2023 Summary of Parent Responses

| Question:                                                                                                                            | Agree | Disagree |
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| My child is happy at St. Cross School.                                                                                               | 95%   | 4%       |
| My child feels safe at St Cross School.                                                                                              | 95%   | 4%       |
| When I have raised concerns with the school, they have been dealt with properly.<br><b>19% have not raised concerns</b>              | 76%   | 4%       |
| My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively<br><b>71% My child has not been bullied</b> | 19%   | 8%       |
| This school enables my child to behave respectfully.                                                                                 | 95%   | 4%       |
| The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.                                                               | 95%   | 4%       |
| The school lets me know how my child is progressing.                                                                                 | 81%   | 18%      |
| The school lets me know what I can do to support my child.                                                                           | 86%   | 13%      |
| The school is well led and managed                                                                                                   | 85%   | 10%      |
| This school is a supportive and joyful community                                                                                     | 91%   | 9%       |
| Staff at this school are positive role models for my child                                                                           | 86%   | 13%      |
| The school has high expectations for my child. <b>29% did not know</b>                                                               | 61%   | 10%      |
| My child does well at this school.                                                                                                   | 86%   | 10%      |
| There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.<br><b>14% did not know</b>                                   | 81%   | 4%       |
| My child enjoys learning in Religious Education lessons<br><b>10% did not know</b>                                                   | 76%   | 13%      |
| The school supports my child's spiritual and moral development                                                                       | 95%   | 4%       |
| I am invited to be involved in the prayer life of the school.<br><b>15% did not know</b>                                             | 81%   | 4%       |
| My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.                                                                       | 100%  | 0        |
| The school supports my child's wider personal development                                                                            | 85%   | 13%      |

### Positive Parent Comments:-

- Definitely. All staff work extremely hard to provide exceptional standards of education, and pastoral support. Results shared at curriculum meeting are to be celebrated. Well done.
- It has been lovely to see the growth of Forest School and inclusion of clubs/activities not based around sports.
- I was originally disappointed that the school did not offer a stay and play / transition before starting in September, however I now see this was not needed as my child has settled in brilliantly. The school put a lot of attention to detail of how the children would start and I am very happy with how it has been handled.
- St Cross is a lovely school and I would highly recommend it to other parents. The teachers, deputy and head teacher are all very welcoming and have made my little ones transition from Nursery a smooth and happy one. They were especially supportive in helping her into school in the mornings. The buddy system is definitely a strength of the school and has been such a benefit in helping my little one settle into school. She absolutely loves going to school. She is also already blending sounds and reading words. The office staff have also been very informative and welcoming. Thank you so much St Cross.

- My child loves after school club and we appreciate all the hard work of the team offering it. We also really appreciate the variety of activities offered after school.

Thank you for all you do.

#### Other Parent Comments:-

- Understand it's a catholic school but the religious studies, prayers and school plays are interfering with more important things the kids need to be learning and very single minded at teaching other religions.

***Religious Education is central to the curriculum of the Catholic school and is at the heart of the philosophy of Catholic education. Whole school Religious Education is to provide for a lived faith experience through worship, retreats, assemblies and action for social justice. The Religious Education Department contributes to this whole school direction. Classroom Religious Education is to be resourced as a core subject and allocated 10% of teaching time.***

- Telling parents they cannot hand out sweets for FREE for their child's birthday due to the schools healthy school status but then SELLING cakes and sweets on school premises.

***This has been a decision made by many local Heads following a fatal anaphylactic reaction of a child due to sweets being handed out on the playground. The Friends organise Tuck Shop, which is a parent's choice to purchase. Children Love sharing a book with their class.***

- Communication is not always as clear as it could be. Writing on a board outside is easily missed. Also, more proactive in highlighting areas for improvement, not waiting to be asked.

***Newsletters and letters are all emailed to parents on a Friday afternoon. The board was a great suggestion by a parent, to prompt parent's memory about the week's events.***

- Foreign languages: Spanish, French and gymnastics. Additionally, it would be great to have dance or kung- fu or karate. It also be great to have more lunchtime clubs, maybe reading club, lego etc

***We teach Spanish from Reception through to Year 6. We change after school clubs according to the terms/seasons. Year 6 organise a large number of lunchtime clubs across the week. A Mindfulness and a Reading club are run by Teachers once a week for Key Stage 2.***

- Co-ordinate PE days with after school sports clubs; this term, my child needs clean PE kit for 4 days out of 5 which has been a little challenging.

***PE uniform should only be worn on the days they have PE in class. Children can bring a change of suitable sportswear/trainers to change into for afterschool sports clubs.***